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REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action transmitted November 8, 2007, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner previously allowed Claims 33 and 36-42. However, the Examiner withdrew Claims 20-32 and Claims 43-53 as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims Are Ready for Allowance

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Hylton for the courteous telephonic interview with Applicants' attorney, Glen L. Nuttall, on November 16, 2007. The above amendments are consistent with the substance of the interview, and Applicants believe the application is currently in condition for allowance.

In Applicants' amendment filed October 25, 2007, Applicants cancelled Claims 20 and 21, but amended Claim 22 to depend from allowed Claim 33. In the interview, the Examiner indicated that this action was appropriate, and that she would enter these amendments and allow claim 22 and Claims 23-30, which depend therefrom.

In accordance with the substance of the interview, Applicants have here cancelled Claims 43-53. These claims were previously withdrawn by the Examiner as directed to a different invention than the previously-submitted claims. To put the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have here cancelled the claims without prejudice, and reserve the right to pursue claims directed to this subject matter in future applications.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections and objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action and Advisory Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

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The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections and objections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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